

NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER

NORTH REDMOND AND EDUCATION HILL

Neighbors work toward developing a community vision

The 27 members of the Education Hill and North Redmond Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC), which are comprised of residents from each neighborhood, are hard at work forming recommendations for their neighborhoods. These recommendations will be incorporated into the update of Redmond's Comprehensive Plan, which guides land use and city planning decisions in Redmond. Recommendations will address issues such as traffic flow through and around the neighborhood; connections with auto, transit, bike, and pedestrian networks; and housing choices.

In preparation for developing these recommendations, the CAC's attended several research sessions with City staff and local experts on topics that included housing, utilities, parks, and the environment. The CACs learned about existing programs at the City, the current level of service and standards, and plans for innovations. They also gained insight regarding the areas in which they may focus their efforts and develop recommendations.

Next steps... The Planning Commission will review the

CACs' proposed updates and make a recommendation to the City Council, which has final authority for adoption of the plans. Review by the Planning Commission on the neighborhood plan updates is expected to begin in April and will continue for several months thereafter.

How to get involved... The two neighborhoods are represented by 15 residents from Education Hill and 12 residents from North Redmond, but all residents and business owners are invited to provide input. The CAC meetings – which occur two to three times monthly – include a ten minute public comment period at

the beginning of each. Individuals may also email comments to staff at neighborhoods@redmond.gov. Emailed items will be shared with CAC members during the comment period at the following meeting. CAC members are also happy to speak with residents.

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you... Staff will continue to address updates to each of Redmond's neighborhood plans and may be contacting you to participate in your neighborhood's update process.

Please feel free to contact Neighborhood Planning Team members with any questions or comments (see box at right for contact information). Additional neighborhood information may also be found in the neighborhood section of www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/planning/planning.asp.

Park improvements at Sunset Gardens and Grass Lawn Park.



GRASS LAWN NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood Plan Update

Complete

The Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan Update was completed in early 2005. The process began in 2003 when residents of the neighborhood met to develop their recommendations for updating the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan. Those recommendations were used to develop policies that were reviewed by Redmond's Planning Commission and approved the City Council.

The updated neighborhood vision and associated policies for the Grass Lawn neighborhood include:

- Encourage a variety of housing sizes styles that are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood character.
- Explore opportunities for small-scale neighborhood-oriented commercial zones with limited operating hours to serve the daily or weekly needs of the neighborhood.
- Provide more and better non-motorized connections throughout the neighborhood to promote pedestrian and bicycle activity.
- Build a system of parks, trails, and pathways to strengthen connections throughout the neighborhood and to other destinations in the City.
- Improve Grass Lawn Park to create a community gathering place that includes a small concession stand, performing arts facilities, and other amenities to serve the neighborhood.
- Form a neighborhood association that will provide ongoing communication between the City and the Grass Lawn Neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Residents interested in enhancing their neighborhood should apply for the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. Funded projects must be within Redmond;



Improving safety by adding new crosswalks near Redmond Junior High.

managed and completed by residents; and performed to add, improve, or restore a community treasure. Projects may include but are not limited to the addition of and updates to welcome signage, creation and maintenance of planting beds, and enhancements to pavers in community spaces. To learn more about the program and to inquire about your specific interests, visit www.redmond.gov/insidecityhall/planning/comaffairs/neighborfund.asp or contact Sarah Stiteler at 425-556-2469.

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